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SECURITY & SAFETY SENSITIVE ISSUES

The tragic events of September 11, 2001, and the possibility of additional events occurring in the near future, necessitate that everyone in the business of Commercial Motor Vehicles re-evaluate issues relating to security & safety. Since October 1, 2001, the Missouri Division of Motor Carrier & Railroad Safety Enforcement Section has been traveling throughout the State visiting with many of you concerning these issues.

The purpose of these visits is to heighten the sensitivity and awareness level of your company's officials, employees, and drivers. By making you and your personnel more aware of these issues, we hope to create an enhanced level of alertness for suspicious behavior amongst employees, drivers, customers, suppliers and the public.

As part of these *Security & Safety Sensitivity Visits*, we are encouraging you to formalize plans outlining procedures in the event of a security breach within your system. Areas to consider when developing your plan include:

- *Develop a security plan for your organization. If a plan already exists, review and update the plan accordingly.*
- *Employees are the "eyes and ears" for ensuring safety and security in the transportation system. Communicate and solicit feedback regarding security with all employees.*
- *Establish emergency contact information and networks to ensure that employees know who, where, and how to contact appropriate officials when they observe suspicious activities.*
- *Consider the security implications in all decision-making actions.*

These "Security & Safety Sensitivity Visits" will continue to be a priority of the Missouri Division of Motor Carrier & Railroad Safety. Should you notice suspicious activity or behavior please contact our Enforcement Section at our toll free telephone # (866) 831-6277, or your local law enforcement agency.

Harmonization with the United Nations Recommendations, International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code, and International Civil Aviation Organization's Technical Instructions; Final Rule.

[Federal Register: June 21, 2001 (Volume 66, Number 120)]

DATES: Effective Date: The effective date of these amendments is October 1, 2001.

This final rule amends the Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR) to maintain alignment with international standards by incorporating various changes to proper shipping names, hazardous classes, packing groups, special provisions, and packaging authorizations. One noteworthy change is the removal of the requirement to distinguish between primary and subsidiary risk labels and placards. Prior to this final rule, primary labels and placards were required to display the hazard class or division number in the lower corner, while subsidiary labels and placards could not display these numbers. Now the appropriate hazard class or division number must be displayed in the lower corner of both the primary and subsidiary labels and placards. Current subsidiary labels and placards (without the hazard class number in the lower corner) may be used until 10/1/2005.

RETENTION OF SHIPPING PAPERS

[Docket No. RSPA-01-10568 (HM-207B)] RIN 2137-AC64

Hazardous Materials: Retention of Shipping Papers

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking

SUMMARY: RSPA is proposing to amend the Hazardous Materials Regulations to require shippers and carriers to retain a copy of each hazardous material shipping paper, or an electronic image thereof, for a period of 375 days after the date the hazardous material is accepted by a carrier.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Deborah Boothe of the Office of Hazardous Materials Standards, (202) 366-8553, Research and Special Programs Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation.

SAFETY TRAINING SUCCESSFUL

Safety Outreach Training Offered by the Division of Motor Carrier and Railroad Safety

MCRS held six safety and one hazardous material outreach training seminars throughout the State during the month of October 2001. The training focused on safety and hazardous materials issues typically evaluated during compliance reviews and roadside inspections.

Attendees left with the necessary information needed to be better informed on safety & hazardous material compliance reviews and roadside inspections conducted by both MCRS and the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration.

MCRS will provide similar training during the months of March and April 2002. The dates, locations, and times will be posted on our web page, www.ecodev.state.mo.us/mcrs or call (573) 751-7117.

SPE Certification Program

Skill Performance Evaluation Certificate Program for Drivers with Missing or Impaired Arms, Hands, Fingers, Legs or Feet

Drivers with impaired limbs (i.e. a hand or finger, an arm, foot or leg), which affect their ability to safely operate Commercial Motor Vehicles (CMVs) according to their medical examiners, or with missing limbs are required to obtain skill performance evaluation (SPE) certificates. SPE certificate application packets can be obtained by contacting the Service Center (location listed below) which is responsible for the territory in which the driver is a legal resident. After initial certification, these drivers must renew their SPE certificates at least once every two years. SPE certificate renewal application packets can also be obtained by contacting the Service Center responsible for the territory in which the driver is a legal resident. The locations and phone numbers of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's service centers are as follows:

Service Center	Territory Included	Office Location
Eastern	CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NJ, NH, NY, PA, PR, RI, VA, VT, WV	City Crescent Bldg. #10, S. Howard St., Suite 4000, Baltimore, MD 21201-2819 (410) 962-0047
Midwestern	IA, IL, IN, KS, MI, MO, MN, NE, OH, WI	19900 Governors Dr., Suite 210, Olympia Fields, IL 60461-1021 (708) 283-3569
Southern	AL, AR, FL, GA, KY, LA, MS, NC, NM, OK, SC, TN, TX	61 Forsyth St., SW, Suite 17T75, Atlanta, GA 30303-3104 (404) 562-3623
Western	American Samoa, AK, AZ, CA, CO, Guam, HI, ID, Mariana Islands, MT, ND, NV, OR, SD, UT, WA, WY	61 Forsyth Street SW, Suite 17T75, Atlanta, GA 30303-3104 (404) 562-3607

"Thanks a Million" Award Presented to MCRS-Enforcement Team



Missouri's Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) Director, Joe Boyd, nominated the Division of Motor Carrier & Railroad Safety for a Department of Transportation Thanks a Million award, honoring employees who excel in a task that supports the Department's goals. The award recognized the assistance the Division's Enforcement Section gave to FMCSA in performing the inspections on the Haz-Mat Carriers in Missouri and completing the new Security Sensitive Visits (SSVs) initiative. The initiative asked FMCSA to visit all motor carriers transporting hazardous materials and provide instructions on heightening the sensitivity of carriers to be

observant of suspicious behaviors from drivers, shippers, consignees, or the public and report questionable behaviors to the proper authorities. Secretary Mineta described Division staff as "exemplary", noting the high level of cooperation and dedication to the SSVs initiative. On December 10, 2001, Stephen R. Waters, Director of the Missouri Motor Carrier & Railroad Safety Division, traveled to Washington, D.C. to accept the award from Secretary of Transportation Norman Y. Mineta on behalf of the Division's Enforcement Section.

Intrastate Marking Requirement

Reminder – The Division issues USDOT numbers to motor carriers who hold authority to transport commodities or passengers wholly within Missouri. You are required to display this number on the side of your vehicle along with the state abbreviation "MO" behind the number. This state abbreviation allows enforcement officers to recognize that you are an intrastate only carrier. Please make sure that your vehicles are marked correctly. If you have any questions concerning the proper marking requirements, please contact the Registration Section of the Division at (573) 751-3358 or Toll Free 1-866-831-MCRS (6277).

Reference Guide

Agency	Web Site	Telephone
Division of Motor Carrier & Railroad Safety	www.ecodev.state.mo.us/mcrs/	866 831-6277
Carrier One Stop	www.carrier.state.mo.us/	
Highway Reciprocity Commission	www.dor.state.mo.us/hrc/	573 751-6433
Department of Transportation	www.modot.state.mo.us	800 275-6636
Department of Revenue	www.dor.state.mo.us	
Department of Natural Resources	www.dnr.state.mo.us	800 334-6946
Federal Motor Carrier Safety Association	www.fmcsa.dot.gov	
Federal Railroad Administration	www.fra.dot.gov	816 329-3840
Missouri State Highway Patrol	www.mshp.state.mo.us	800 222-6400

New Toll Free Phone Number for Motor Carrier & Railroad Safety

If you have questions or need assistance regarding Registration, Enforcement, or Railroad issues you can now call toll free

866-831-MCRS (6277)



The State of Missouri has a new web-site for Motor Carriers. This website has been designed to help you find information and forms for registration, special operations, permitting and commercial driver's license (CDL). This website can be accessed at:

www.carrier.state.mo.us/

The **US Department of Transportation** has a do-it-yourself website where you can complete and submit some federal forms on-line. Check out <http://diy.dot.gov/>

ACCIDENT REVIEW POLICY

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) has modified its accident review request policy. Traditionally, motor carriers have had the right to present evidence attesting to the non-preventability of accidents, which had an effect on their safety rating. This process involved petitioning the accident to FMCSA's Chief Safety Officer in Washington, D.C. Under the new process, the motor carrier can now petition the State Director/Division Administrator (SD/DA) in their home state.

There are some basic guidelines to follow under this new scenario. The motor carrier will have seven (7) days to petition if their proposed safety rating is "Unsatisfactory", or ten (10) days if the proposed rating is "Conditional". The carrier must make it known to the Inspector at the time of the review that they wish to petition accidents. If the SD/DA has any doubts regarding the crash and evidence submitted, the accident will still be considered preventable.

When the accidents are determined to be non-preventable by the SD/DA, the accident rate will be changed prior to uploading the review. The accident will not be removed from the carrier's record; it will merely be excluded in the current rating process. After the review is uploaded, the motor carrier may still request an administrative review consistent with 49 CFR 385.15.

Railroad Update

The Bi-State Development Agency Board of Commissioners recently approved the proposed alignment and plans for the new light rail extension. Plans extend Metrolink service from Forest Park, west to Clayton and south to Shrewsbury in St Louis County. Start-up service is expected to begin in 2005.

On December 6, the Cross County Consulting Group presented the 30% drawings to MCRS staff for review and comment. The review will focus of structural clearances, grade crossing protection and general safety concerns along the new transit route.

EMPLOYEE NEWS



New Employees

The Division welcomes the following new employees. **Pamela Schulte** who began on September 16, 2001 and **Tanya Wagner** who began on October 1, 2001, both in the Registration section. **Ken Sowers** and **Bud Knight** who both joined Enforcement on October 1, 2001. The Director's Office welcomes **Debby Taylor** who began on October 16, 2001 and the Railroad Safety Section welcomes **Doris Smith** who joined us on November 8, 2001 and **Cory Reynolds** who came aboard December 17, 2001. Welcome all!

Transfers/Promotions

Mike Williams transferred to the Administrative Section as Accounting Analyst II effective November 16, 2001.

Transfers/Promotions (Cont'd)

On September 1, 2001, **Duane Buersmeyer** transferred from Registration to the Enforcement Section as a Safety Inspector II.

Employees of the Month

Division Employees of the Month include **Angela Bonnot** (September) **Tim Morff** (October) and **Joel Kidwell** (November).

Farewells/Retirements

The Division bids farewell to **Janet Etling** (Clerk Typist), **Terri Heits** (Transportation Enforcement Inspector), and **Roger Linhardt** (Auditor). Janet's last day with the Division was October 5, 2001; Terri and Roger's last day was November 15.

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